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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: SUGAWARA, Masanobu et al.

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Serial No.: 09/926,346 ✓

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For. **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ACID
DERIVATIVES**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 14, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2003 for two months from May 14, 2003 to July 14, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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